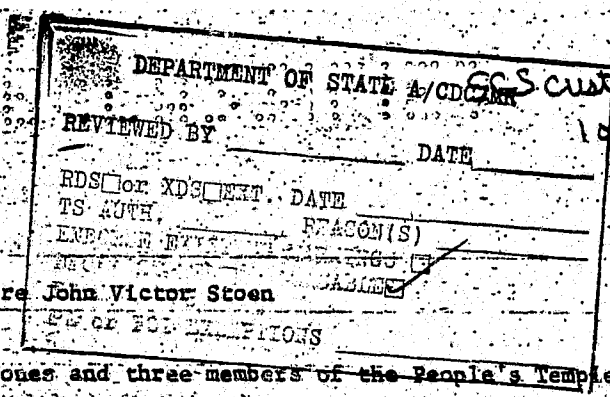


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Memo to the Files re John Victor Stoen

2/16/78. Mrs. Jim Jones and three members of the People's Temple met with Ms. Riki Foster of Senator Mark Hatfield's office and a representative of Senator Hayakawa's office. Ms. Foster reported that the purpose of the meeting was to convince the Congressional offices to "stay out of the case." Generally, Mrs. Jones refused to answer questions and referred the inquirers to their attorney, Mr. Charles Geary of San Francisco. However, Mrs. Jones did state that the People's Temple would honor the decision by the Guyanese court.

2/17/78. Mrs. Jim Jones, Terry Buford and another member of the People's Temple, first name Diane, met in the Department with Elizabeth A. Powers and Fred Heuneke of CA/SCS and Frank Tumminia, ARA/CAR/C. The meeting was at the request of Mrs. Jones. It was apparent that Mrs. Jones and her associates were trying to determine the Department's position concerning the custody case. Mrs. Jones was told that the Department had no position on the merits of the case but was interested only in a fair and imaprtial determination by the Guyanese court. She was given a copy of the form letter we use in response to Congressional inquiries. It was pointed out to Mrs. Jones that the People's Temple was not at issue and that the Department had no position concerning the Temple. In her comments, Mrs. Jones asserted that her husband was the natural father of the child. She appeared satisfied with the Department's position on the case and was properly appreciative for the meeting.